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For: (METH) ACRYLATE DERIVATIVE, POLYMER AND PHOTORESIST
COMPOSITION HAVING LACTONE STRUCTURE, AND METHOD FOR
FORMING PATTERN BY USING IT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner. In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), the relevance of JP 2-27660 is discussed on page 2 of the subject application. Further, English-language Abstracts are attached to most of the references. Further, some of the referenced were cited in the International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report (copies enclosed) with the degree of relevance (found by the foreign Examiner) being designated in English.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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